



#### **Larger Than Life**

An exhibition of contemporary textiles by members of the **Fibre Artist's Network (FAN)** 

This whole gallery exhibition brings together 31 textile artists who work in a range of styles. All artworks are uniform in size (75 x 100cm), and are either portrait or landscape orientation.



Sue Whittaker

Work is in the form of wall hangings or framed canvasses, and includes techniques such as embellishments, printing, stamping, painting, fabric collage, machine and hand stitching, as well as fabric manipulation or distortion.

The artists were given the theme of 'Larger than Life' to ignite their imagination and to create bold, original pieces of work. They have interpreted this wide and diverse subject in their own unique style.



Francie Mewett

When this theme was researched, it was discovered that 'Larger Than Life' was used to describe people like Winston Churchill, even the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and Robin Williams. Many other types of artists have also been described this way.

The dictionary describes 'Larger Than Life' as an adjective "for something or someone that is exceedingly imposing, impressive or memorable."

Nature has many and varied examples of 'Larger Than Life', from animal to plant life.

The spectacular plant life photographed under electron microscopes shows how amazing nature is, and how this theme could be interpreted.



Cathy Boniciolli

Some of the artists are current and former students from accredited vocational courses run at Marden Senior College; others are well-known textile artists who have exhibited locally, nationally and internationally.

The artists continue to develop their art practice through attendance at workshops and participation in public exhibitions.

Many also belong to other organisations such as local Guilds, RSASA and the T'Arts Collective. Some are professional art teachers or people who run classes and workshops locally and interstate.

The Fibre Artists Network (FAN) is informally structured but members gather at least four times each year. Artists often work in isolation and therefore



Suzanne Gummow

FAN meetings provide a vital opportunity for networking and keeping in touch with what is happening locally and in the wider world of textile arts.

Members show their work, discuss challenges and concerns, offer reports on books, resources, recent exhibitions and other activities.

This group came together over twelve years ago and FAN has continued to host workshops and arrange group exhibitions since its inception.



Jennifer Gunson

### participating FAN artists:

Jenny Bates **Chris Beardsley** Cathy Boniciolli Sue Buxton Margaret Carberry Liz Collinge Gem Congdon Stephanie Eland Maxine Fry Ruth Galpin Rosi Gates Suzanne Gummow Jennifer Gunson Julie Haddrick Alvena Hall Karlyn Hanchard Joy Harvey Michelle Jahn Pam Kelly Annette McRae Francie Mewett Sandra Obst Gill Oswald-Jacobs Francesca Portolesi Sue Prothero Vicki Smith Liz Steveson Jan Strachan Sue Whittaker Dianne K Wood Victoria Yurkova

# ARTIST DEMONSTATIONS

#### 2pm, Sunday 22 July

Stephanie Eland & Liz Collinge

#### 2pm, Sunday 29 July

Francie Mewett

A chance to see the artists at work, and discuss their techniques.

All welcome, free entry

'Larger Than Life' will be officially launched by

#### **Rebecca Evans**

Curator of European & Australian Decorative Arts, Art Gallery of SA

**6.30**pm, **Friday 13 July** Free entry, all welcome



#### **Sunday 8 July** CLOSE OF CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

#### 13 July - 5 August

WHOLE GALLERY

'Larger than Life' textile artworks by artists from the **Fibre Artists Network (FAN)** 

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#### 10 August - 2 September

WHOLE GALLERY

'Gallery M Open Contemporary Art Prize' Artworks in various media by selected South Australian contemporary artists This art prize exhibition is an initiative of Gallery M & Jarrah J Holmes, Century 21





#### 7 - 30 September

THREE EXHIBITIONS

- 'Plus One' Artwork in various media by members of the Red House Group Inc, plus a selected junior artist with whom the member has a connection. (HALF GALLERY)
- 'Les Fleurs du Printemps' paintings by Nicole Jusserand (QUARTER GALLERY)
- 'Limited Edition' relief prints by Kate Foster, Ros McDougall & Hazel Harris (QUARTER GALLERY)

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(above) handmade ceramic bowl **David Woolaway** \$35

(above) kiln fired glass bowl Lorraine Zabrowarny \$65

(right) handcrafted Silky Oak bowl **Brad Ryan** \$70





handmade porcelain bowl by **Lush For Life** \$65

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